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SUBJECT: SUMMARY REPORT: AID TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC
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SUMMARY: THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES PROGRESS AND ACTIONS
PENDING FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC PROGRAM DURING THE FIRST
QUARTER OF FY 78.

WITHIN THE PAST THREE MONTHS THERE HAS TAKEN PLACE:

(A) THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF THE FOUNDATION FOR
THE PEOPLES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC (FPSP) OPERATIONAL PRO-
GRAM GRANT PROPOSALS WITH TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA;

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(B) TRANSMISSION OF A JOINT AID-NASA LETTER ADVISING
USP OF OUR REACTION TO ITS ATS-6 SATELLITE PROPOSAL;

(C) DETERMINATION THAT AID/CU CAN ASSIST THE SOUTH
PACIFIC REGION IN OBTAINING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS;

(D) FURTHER COORDINATION WITH PEACE CORPS HEAD-
QUARTERS AND PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ISLANDS
TO DEVISE A WORKING FORMAT FOR AID/PEACE CORPS COLLABORA-

TION IN ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND UNDER A NEWLY DESIGNED ACCELERATED IMPACT PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

THE SECOND QUARTER SHOULD MARK THE APPROVAL OF THE FPSP PROPOSALS FOR TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA; THE ARRIVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TEAM AT THE USP COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE; THE ARRIVAL OF THE ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AED) TEAM AT THE USP MAIN CAMPUS; THE VISIT OF A POLYNESIAN AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE US TO PROCURE SPARE PARTS FROM US SURPLUS STOCKS; AND THE POSTING OF AN AID REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION.

1. PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

THREE PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS (PVO'S) ARE DEVELOPING OPERATIONAL PROGRAM GRANT PROPOSALS FOR TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA:

TONGA. THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC (FPSP) AND THE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR REHABILITATION AND TRAINING (ORT) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED A PROPOSED PROGRAM WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TONGA. UNCLASSIFIED

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FINAL AID/W APPROVAL SHOULD BE MADE DURING EARLY MARCH FOR A THREE YEAR AUTHORIZATION AT A LEVEL OF DOLS 825,000, WITH FIRST YEAR FUNDING OF DOLS 325,000 (WHICH INCLUDES A ONE YEAR SUBGRANT TO AMERICAN ORT).

WESTERN SAMOA. FPSP AND ORT ALSO HAVE NEGOTIATED SUCCESSFULLY A PROPOSED PROGRAM WITH THE GOWS. AN AID/W PROJECT COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR ASIA APPROVE THE PROPOSALS THEREIN. FINAL APPROVAL WILL ALSO BE FOR A THREE YEAR AUTHORIZATION OF DOLS 825,000 WITH FIRST YEAR FUNDING OF DOLS 325,000 (WHICH INCLUDES A ONE YEAR SUBGRANT TO AMERICAN ORT). FINAL AID/W APPROVAL IS EXPECTED IN EARLY MARCH ALSO, SO THAT THE GOWS AND GOT PROGRAMS CAN PROCEED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

THE ASIA FOUNDATION IS DEVELOPING PROPOSALS FOR TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA WHICH INVOLVE A NUMBER OF OPG ACTIVITIES. GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS TAF HAS HAD TO DATE WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENTS, AID AND THE EMBASSY, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD SEVERAL OF ITS PROPOSED PROJECTS WILL BE APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN MID CY 1978. AID/W STILL AWAITING SUBMISSION OF THE TAF PROPOSALS.

2. REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

A. SPEC

USG PARTICIPATION IN ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY MAY LEAD TO A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM'S BUREAU FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (SPEC). EA/ANP AND AID/W BELIEVE THAT THE REGIONAL AID REPRESENTATIVE WILL ALSO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN ENCOURAGING JOINT AID/SPEC ACTIVITIES. BY VIRTUE OF BEING IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH SPEC THE REGIONAL AID REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE IN A IDEAL POSITION TO ASSESS AND PERHAPS ENCOURAGE OTHER REGIONAL PROJECT POSSIBILITIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND TO EXPLORE THESE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK, NEW ZEALAND, AND AUSTRALIA ON THE SCENE.

B. UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC - ATS-6 SATELLITE EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM

USP HAS HAD A CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH USG AGENCIES CONCERNING USP'S PROPOSAL FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM USING THE ATS-6 SATELLITE. A JOINT NASA-AID LETTER HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO VICE CHANCELLOR JAMES MARAJ ADVISING THAT:

(1) THE TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL FEASIBILITY OF THE ATS-6 SATELLITE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE ON A CONDITIONAL BASIS;

(2) THE PROGRAMMATIC CONTENT CONTAINS INSUFFICIENT DETAIL ON WHICH TO BASE ANY JUDGMENTS, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. THESE PROGRAM IDEAS AND IMPLEMENTATION PLANS WOULD NEED TO BE DEVELOPED IN MUCH GREATER DETAIL, AND WE COULD CONTRACT ONE OF THREE FIRMS TO DO THIS;

(3) AID WOULD BE PREPARED TO SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM OF MODERATE SIZE UNDER THE TERMS OF AID'S 1978 LEGISLATION.

THE ASIA BUREAU WILL BE RECEIVING A PORTION OF THE ALLOTMENT PREVIOUSLY EARMARKED FOR AID'S CENTRAL RESEARCH ALLOCATION (TAB/EHR). ONCE THE USP PROJECT IS DESIGNED AND APPROVED, THESE FUNDS CAN BE USED TO FUND EITHER THE USE OF SLOW-SCAN OR FACSIMILE TELEVISION OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO THE SEVEN USP CENTERS ON OTHER ISLANDS.

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IF USP'S REVISED PROPOSAL STILL REQUIRES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AID COULD, IF EMBASSY CONCURS, PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF THE ACADEMY FOR EDUCATIONAL

DEVELOPMENT (AED) UNDER PROVISION OF AN EXISTING CENTRAL CONTRACT WITH THAT FIRM. AED HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE USP PROPOSAL, AND WILL ASSIST IN BRINGING ITS PROGRAMATIC CONTENT TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL. CONCEIVABLY THE TWO MAN AED TEAM COULD JOIN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S SURVEY TEAM, THEREBY MINIMIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH.

C. UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AFFILIATION

NOW THAT THE GO-AHEAD FROM USP HAS BEEN RECEIVED, A THREE-MAN TEAM FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SHOULD BE DEPARTING IN THE 2ND QUARTER OF FY'78 TO DEVISE THE FRAMEWORK FOR A TITLE XII AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC (USP) COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SCHOOL OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE. THE INITIAL GRANT FUNDING OF THIS AFFILIATION SHOULD BE OBLIGATED IN THE 3RD QUARTER OF FY'78, AND THE FIRST OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S RESIDENT TEAM ARRIVING AT THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE ON WESTERN SAMOA DURING THE 4TH QUARTER OF FY'78. SUCH AN AFFILIATION WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL GRADUATE TRAINING FOR SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE; PROVISION OF EXPATRIATE FACULTY MEMBERS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII UNTIL THOSE TRAINED FROM USP CAN RETURN AND ASSUME THEIR NEW DUTIES; AND PROVISION OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS REQUIRED BY THE USP COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE TO ASSUME A REGIONAL EXTENSION AND RESEARCH ROLE TO IMPROVE YIELDS OF FOOD STAPLE AND CASH CROPS IN ALL OF THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE USP.

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3. PEACE CORPS

AID IS COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH PEACE CORPS HEAD-QUARTERS AND PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ISLANDS TO SEE IN WHAT DEGREE VOLUNTEERS COULD BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST IN ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

(A) FOR REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS;

(B) IN THE PROJECTS BEING FORMULATED BY THE PRIVATE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AIMED AT RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; AND

(C) IN SMALL SELF HELP PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THE NEWLY CREATED ACCELERATED IMPACT PROGRAM.

PEACE CORPS HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THESE PROGRAMS WHERE IT CAN BE SHOWN THAT THE PRESENCE

OF VOLUNTEERS WILL BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION.

THE FPSP PROPOSALS FOR TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA INCLUDE THE USE OF PCVS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

WE HAVE INITIATED AND INCLUDED THE ACCELERATED IMPACT PROGRAM IN THE FY'79 CP, REQUESTING DOLS 100,000 FOR FY'79 AND DOLS 150,000 FOR FY'80 AND EACH YEAR BEYOND. PROCEDURES FOR USE OF THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED, AND ARE BEING CLEARED IN AID. THESE PROCEDURES WILL INSURE THAT SERVICES, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING CAN BE PROVIDED EXPEDITIOUSLY FOR SMALL PROJECTS AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL OF LESS THAN DOLS 10,000. THE PROJECT'S PURPOSE IS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ENCOURAGE AND DIRECTLY SUPPORT SELF HELP EFFORTS OF VILLAGES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. FIJI SEISMIC NETWORK

AID'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (OFDA) HAS APPROVED A PROJECT WHICH WILL HELP DETERMINE THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF THE FAULT ZONE UNDERLYING FIJI, AND HELP THE GOF PREPARE TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF STRONG EARTHQUAKES IN THE AREA. TECHNICAL DETAILS AND COST INFORMATION ARE NOW BEING REFINED FOR SIGNING OF A GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF FY'78.

B. SCHOLARSHIPS

AID AND STATE'S CULTURAL AFFAIRS ARE ASSISTING THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION IN OBTAINING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS. THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION (IIE) IN NEW YORK HAS ADVISED THE GOWS THAT CERTAIN PRIVATE COLLEGES POSSIBLY CAN PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS COVERING TUITION AND ROOM AND BOARD FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS; ROTARY CLUBS OR SIMILAR PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT ASSIST IN MAINTENANCE COSTS. THE GOWS OR THE STUDENTS' FAMILIES WOULD NEED TO COVER THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION. IIE WOULD CHARGE DOLS 250 PER STUDENT FOR MAKING PLACEMENTS. AID WILL BE UNDERWRITING DOLS 10,000 IN PLACEMENT COSTS FOR IIE DURING FY'78 FOR 25-40 STUDENTS. CU WILL FUND THESE PLACEMENT COSTS STARTING IN FY'79.

C. EXCESS PROPERTY

THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA HAS REQUESTED A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF ITS EXCESS PROPERTY AGREEMENT

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TO ENABLE A TECHNICIAN FROM THE POLYNESIAN AIRLINES TO
WORK OUT PROCUREMENT DETAILS WITH AID TECHNICIANS IN
JANUARY 1978. AID HAS AGREED TO THIS THREE MONTH EX-
TENSION PLUS AN ADDITIONAL THREE MONTHS IN ANTICIPATION
THAT ALL DETAILS WOULD TAKE LONGER THAN THE GOWS EXPECTS.
THE INITIAL AGREEMENT FOR SURPLUS AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT AND
TOOLS FOR A GOWS ENGINEERING TRAINING SCHOOL WAS SIGNED
ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1976. CHRISTOPHER UNQUOTE VANCE

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